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May 1, 2007

The Honorable Kevin Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Emergency Petition for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 76.1204 (a) (1) of the City of  
Tacoma, d/b/a Click! Network

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to support Click! Network's above referenced waiver request. I understand Click! Network has applied for an Emergency Petition for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 76.1204 (a) (1) which, if received, would allow them to continue installing low-cost set-top digital boxes.

If they do not receive the waiver, Click! Network may be forced to terminate their digital transition. They would have to re-direct capital (presently earmarked for expanding their competitive network into Pierce County) to the purchase of more expensive set-top digital boxes so they can meet the FCC's July 1, 2007 deadline.

This issue may affect KBTC Public Television. We are a locally licensed Public Broadcast station and rely upon cable companies to expand our reach. If Click! Network is forced to subsidize the higher cost set-top boxes, rather than a lower cost option, many second and third television sets may be rendered useless due to the inability of cable customers to afford one set-top box, let alone two and three set-top boxes. The region has a high transient population due to surrounding area military bases, a substantial population of low-income residents, and older homeowners who depend on PBS as a reliable form of noncommercial, quality, educational programming and entertainment.

Click! Network offers a very affordable lifeline service of broadcast television stations, including KBTC Public Television. It is important to us that our community viewers receive KBTC Public Television on all of their television sets. Click! Network is a respected, municipal cable operator and we are optimistic that they will continue to be a leader in assisting their customers, our viewers, transition to the digital age with reasonable costs.

Thank you for your consideration of Click! Network's waiver request. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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KBTC Public Television

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